



# NYCHA Recycles!

## Everything You Need to Know About Recycling

### What is recycling?

Recycling is the process of collecting materials that would otherwise be disposed of as trash and transforming them into new products.

### Why is recycling important?

Recycling helps us conserve natural resources (e.g. trees, oil) and prevents usable materials from being wasted. It improves the cleanliness of our environment and creates green jobs. By recycling, NYCHA plays an important part in helping the City achieve its goal of sending Zero Waste to landfills by 2030.



### Why is NYCHA recycling?

As a landlord, NYCHA is responsible for complying with the City's recycling law by providing bins and recycling education to our residents. Recycling also benefits NYCHA employees by creating safer and more efficient waste collection conditions.

### Why should I recycle?

Responsible waste disposal helps reduce rodent and insect infestation in and around your apartment and building. Deposit recyclable materials in designated bins and dispose of trash in trash chutes or other designated receptacles. Recycling makes your community safer and cleaner.

### Where can I recycle in my community?

Bring your recyclables to the outdoor recycling containers. Recycling containers should be clearly labeled and show what recyclable materials should be placed inside. Place non-recyclable waste in trash chutes and bring large objects to designated locations. Signs should be posted above each trash chute to provide information about proper waste disposal. The NYCHA Recycles! website is also a helpful resource for recycling information.

[on.nyc.gov/nycharecycles](http://on.nyc.gov/nycharecycles)



### What can be recycled?

The following materials should be deposited in the **green bin**.

- **Paper and cardboard** – Flattened boxes. If you can rip it, you can recycle it.
- NO:** Hardcover books, food-soiled or waxed paper

The following materials should be deposited in the **blue bin** (empty and rinse them before recycling).

- **Metal** – Cans, foil, and anything mostly metal
- NO:** Batteries
- **Glass** – Bottles and jars only.
- NO:** Light bulbs, drinking glasses, windows, mirrors
- **Plastic** – All rigid plastics
- NO:** bags, wrappers, flexible pouches/tubes, foam
- **Cartons** – Milk, juice, soup, wine, etc.

For more information on what to recycle, visit [on.nyc.gov/what-to-recycle](http://on.nyc.gov/what-to-recycle) or go to your development's management office for print materials.



### What education is NYCHA providing on recycling?

NYCHA is working closely with the NYC Department of Sanitation and GrowNYC to provide educational activities, workshops, and events to promote recycling. To request a recycling workshop or event in your community, contact:

**GrowNYC:** [recycle@grownyc.org](mailto:recycle@grownyc.org), 212.788.7964

**NYCHA's Resident Engagement Department:** [Marvin.Jean-Jacques@nycha.nyc.gov](mailto:Marvin.Jean-Jacques@nycha.nyc.gov), 718.707.5401

### How can I get more involved?

Help keep it clean and green by becoming an Environmental Ambassador! Environmental Ambassadors are NYCHA residents who are trained by GrowNYC to become community recycling experts. After completing two recycling workshops, Environmental Ambassadors conduct 12 hours of local outreach at their development to encourage their neighbors to participate in the NYCHA Recycles! program. For more information about becoming an Environmental Ambassador please visit: [grownyc.org/recycling/NYCHA](http://grownyc.org/recycling/NYCHA)





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## Ambassadors for Planet Earth

**W**E'VE ONLY GOT one planet and taking better care of it requires fresh thinking and unique partnerships. Our NYCHA Recycles! program, created in partnership with the NYC Department of Sanitation, is making sure that all 328 developments are recycling by the end of this year. We've also collaborated with GrowNYC, a non-profit organization that works to make New York City a cleaner and healthier place, to create a new and exciting program for residents, NYCHA Environmental Ambassadors.

As Ambassadors, these residents will become volunteer community experts on recycling and will help their fellow residents learn the ins and outs of the City's recycling program.

GrowNYC will provide two interactive recycling workshops to Ambassadors in training to teach them why recycling is important, what items to recycle, and how to encourage their neighbors and community members to recycle. During training, residents will also attend field trips to various New York City recycling centers to see the City's recycling program behind the scenes. After completing their training, Ambassadors will spend at least twelve hours on recycling efforts at their developments. To learn more about the Environmental Ambassador program, please visit:

[GrowNYC.org/NYCHARecycles](http://GrowNYC.org/NYCHARecycles).

### Meet two NYCHA residents who volunteered to become Environmental Ambassadors:

#### JOY JUNIOUS

Brownsville Houses resident Joy Junious, 20, says her interest in the environment began when she was a high school student at The New York Harbor School—an aquatic-themed academic program. After high school, Junious joined Green City Force and worked on numerous projects, including removing weeds from a garden at Lillian Wald Houses and working on home reconstruction with the Friends of Rockaway organization.

After Green City Force, she decided to make it her mission to teach people about the importance of taking care of the environment. She joined NYCHA as a Recycling Project Outreach Coordinator and worked to engage residents and helped organize recycling kick-off events at NYCHA developments citywide. But Junious wanted to do even more in her community, so she signed up to become an Environmental Ambassador.

"Taking care of the environment is a community effort and it begins at home. I want to be more involved and focused on the people in my own community," she says.

Through the program, Junious is interested in learning new ways to be more environmentally friendly. "I decided to do this program so that I can inspire someone in my neighborhood, someone my age, older, my little sister—to really take pride in their neighborhood. My goal is to make it a better place, make it cleaner and more visually appealing for current and future generations. Recycling and healthy environments go hand in hand and with proper trash disposal you see the benefits immediately."

#### PAMELA AZORE

"To be honest," Pamela Azore says, "I didn't recycle before 2010." That year, she learned about the importance of recycling after she joined the Resident Green Committee (RGC) at Pomonok Houses. She's a proud recycler now and says "This green thing is kind of infectious! If recycling is the least thing I could do to help out the planet, then I'll do it. Just think, if a fraction of us do it, we'd be surprised at how much we could change."

Azore signed up to be an Environmental Ambassador because she wants to "immerse myself in how to better get the word out about recycling. I know I don't have all the tools yet but a program like this can help me."

She says the blue and green recycling bins at her development are a beautiful sight and hopes that through the program she becomes "really proficient in delivering the message to residents and neighbors that we're going green! I want to try to help them do this as simply



**Pamela Azore, a Pomonok Houses resident for 23 years and a member of the Resident Green Committee, is excited to learn more about recycling through the Environmental Ambassador program.**



**Taking care of the environment is a 24/7 role for Joy Junious. Not only is she getting ready to become an Environmental Ambassador, but her work with Green City Force opened the doors for a new job as a Field Technician in energy management with the Association for Energy Affordability, Inc., a provider of technical services for energy efficiency in buildings. This new position builds on the energy auditing skills she developed as a Green City Force trainee and could lead to a career in weatherization, solar thermal technology, and other green technologies.**

as possible, I know that they care about the planet and want their children and grandchildren to grow up in a healthy environment."

A resident of Pomonok Houses for 23 years and leader of the RGC, Azore has helped plan special projects and events;

educated fellow residents show to take care of trees and planted gardens; and is currently planning Pomonok's Third Annual Resident Green Committee Palooza, a major community event that combines recycling, green activities, and fun for the whole family.





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## Recycling Kicks Off at Sotomayor Houses

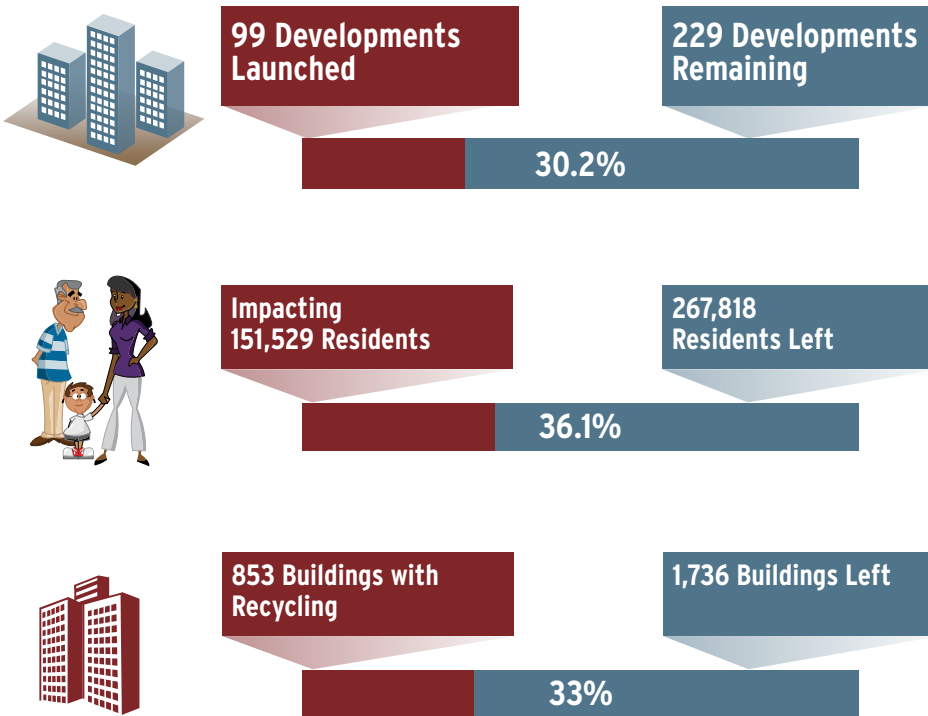
### SOTOMAYOR HOUSES RESIDENTS

are ready to recycle! At their Recycling Kick Off on February 23, they learned about the history of recycling at NYCHA, as well as how NYCHA is implementing recycling at all developments. A GrowNYC representative explained why people should recycle, what to recycle, and how to recycle. Residents played an interactive game, choosing from different materials on a table, such as empty cans and cartons, hangers, a Styrofoam egg carton, and cardboard boxes, deciding where they should be stored to be recycled: in color-coded bags, blue for metal, glass, plastic, and cartons; green for paper and cardboard; black for trash.

All residents received Sort and Store stations — blue and green reusable bags that feature photos of the recyclable items that can be placed in them — which helps make recycling easier: they can sort their recyclables using the bags in their apartments and then dump the bags in the corresponding color recycling bin at their development. Earlier that day, 19 young people attended a kids-only recycling meeting, where they played recycling games and received plush DSNY Binnie Babies as prizes. A kick-off meeting for seniors at Sotomayor will be held on April 21. For more information about Recycling Kick-Off Meetings, contact Resident Engagement at **718.707.5401**.



## NYCHA RECYCLES IMPLEMENTATION



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### MAY 2-31



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